



RAMÓN BILBAO

Rioja

MIRTO

2011

BACKGROUND

The finest ingredients produce the finest wines. That's still the philosophy at Ramón Bilbao, where carefully crafted grapes are selected from the best estates and vineyards in the idyllic region of Haro in Rioja Alta since 1924. Maintaining tradition is the guiding philosophy of today's Ramón Bilbao, where winemakers produce award-winning wines that embody a modern consumer-friendly style.

The Ramón Bilbao Mirto is a creation from old tempranillo grape vines in their fullest expression. A careful selection from 70+ year-old vines in the outer limits of Haro creates a modern wine with outstanding personality. The wine is bottled without any fining or filtering.

APPELLATION

Rioja

SOURCING

Rioja Alta
Haro and surrounding areas

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Tempranillo

WINEMAKING

Everything in this wine is an art, from the way the grape clusters are chosen at the sorting table to their fermentation in small French oak vats to extract the highest aromas and color. The wine is placed in casks where malolactic fermentation takes place without rackings, using the "bâtonnage" technique to periodically stir the lees. In new French Allier oak casks toasted specifically for the vintage, the wine is aged 24 months and then bottled without filtering.

VINTAGE NOTES

2011 had very favorable weather which allowed for optimal growing conditions through the end of the growing cycle. Excellent, healthy grape bunches led to a perfect fermentation process that resulted in well-structured wines. This year, the limited vineyard production made it possible for this vintage to be classified as one of the best three vintages in the last 30 years.

TASTING NOTES

Bright and intense red purple color. The aromas are powerful, well developed, and sophisticated with hints of tobacco, cassis, chocolate, and cedarwood. On the mouth are flavors of black currants, plums, and chocolate powder. The pleasant finish is well-assembled, expressive, and persistent. The 2011 vintage continues to reflect Mirto's characteristics of intense fruit and oak, well-integrated with elegance and finesse.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.56 RS 2.4 g/L
TA 6.7 g/L Alc. 14.0%

WINEMAKER

Rodolfo Bastida

